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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application, filed September 29, 2000. We are also enclosing a copy of the following U.S. patent that is listed in form PTO-1449:

U.S. Patent No. 4,939,674.

It is applicants' belief that the above U.S. patent does not describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

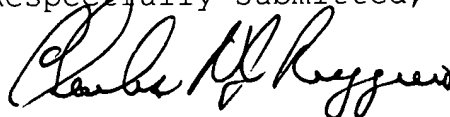
It should be understood that attention has been called to  
~~the patent that has been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed~~

present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed patent and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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